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Uncle Sam Robbed.

Washington dispatch: Senator Chandler is probing into a Navy Department scandal of large proportions. By direction of the Senate the Senate Committee on Naval Affairs will inquire into various little matters relating to the construction of warships, and incidentally it will be learned to what extent officers of the Ordnance Bureau are interested in patent processes by which, it is said, the Government is robbed by extortionate charges out of between \$500,000 and \$750,000 on every vessel built. Secretary Herbert wanted to let the contracts for the two warships about to be built, as it was thought better rather than to be obtained thereby, but he found himself strongly antagonized by the Ordnance Bureau, though the other experts of the department cordially endorsed the position he had taken. The stubborn resistance of the Ordnance Bureau finally prevailed, and the Secretary announced his intention to let the contracts in the old way. This decision set tongues wagging, and members of Congress were solemnly assured that there was rank rotteness in the Navy Department and that officials were using their positions to divert public moneys to their own pockets by corruptly influencing contracts, whereby the Government was forced into buying patented processes in which they were financially interested. The instructions given the Naval Committee will afford an opportunity for investigation into the alleged abuses. It will also serve to prevent the guilty parties from escaping by the usual method of defeating inquiry. The charges are now being aired, and the Navy Department must purge itself by proving the charges to be unfounded or else locate and cast out the guilty officers who are accused of bringing discredit on the country and disgrace upon the department.

SWORN TO SLAY THE CZAR.

Nihilists Will Not Rest Until They
Kill Their Ruler.

A wholesale merchant from Moscow is authority for the information that the recent report of an attempt to assassinate the Czar was true in its particulars. The gentleman, who, for reasons well understood, desires that his name shall be suppressed, says the Russian police are informed that the nihilists have sworn not to rest until the Czar shall be slain. The fraternity resolved at the time the young ruler began his reign to grant him a year in which to prove that he was in earnest with his promises of liberal reform. The year is at an end and the young autocrat, not having realized their hopes, is doomed to perish at their hands. A Jewish student of the University of Moscow was appointed by lot to deal the death blow, and it was only by accident that the Czar escaped. The student masqueraded in the garb of a drummer. In his valise was a well-prepared bomb instead of samples of merchandise. He managed to pass the beautiful Par Czar-skoje Selo several times daily, hoping to catch a glimpse of the Czar. The latter passed him again and again on the promenade, but the would-be assassin did not recognize his Majesty, who was dressed in the plain uniform of a colonel of Prebrashouki Guards, instead of that of a general. The student was arrested on suspicion after a day or two and the plot further revealed through a female friend to whom he had told his secret. The Czar's Russian press has recorded the instructions from the authorities not to publish a word regarding the affair, which, nevertheless, is repeated from mouth to mouth.

FOOLED THE OFFICERS.

Chinese from Atlanta Smuggled Into
San Francisco.

A San Francisco dispatch says: Through the treachery of an officer in the custom house two carloads of Chinese from the Atlanta exposition have slipped through the fingers of a score of United States inspectors, and are now somewhere in Chinatown safe out of the reach of the Federal control or interference. The Chinese were landed before daylight, and were hurried in carriages into the Chinese quarters. The Chinese quarters in the party is not definitely known. Collector of the Port John H. Wise received what is considered to be reliable information that 104 were coming overland to that city, but the agents of the Chinese consular quarter in San Francisco are inclined to the opinion prevails that over 100 Chinese escaped the officers.

Grover Names Five.

President Cleveland Wednesday night announced the appointment of the Venetian-Brederick, who will conduct the contracts for the construction of the two battle ships authorized by the last Congress, and in case Congress authorizes the six ships which will be asked for the United States will have three years more to build by contract. The authorities have been feeling the temper of Congress and believe that it appreciates the necessity of having vessels of this type for defensive and offensive purposes. In a few days the department will conclude contracts for the construction of the two battle ships authorized by the last Congress, and in case Congress authorizes the six ships which will be asked for the United States will have three years more to build by contract. The authorities have been feeling the temper of Congress and believe that it appreciates the necessity of having vessels of this type for defensive and offensive purposes.

Sheriff Gagged and Robbed.

B. E. Devall, Sheriff of Jones County, Miss., was Wednesday morning found in his office at Elliptical bound and gagged.

Fast Train Wrecked by a Mule.

The Chicago fast mail train on the Illinois Central struck a mule two miles north of Holly Springs, Miss. The mule, the engine, baggage and mail cars and three coaches. The two Pullman sleepers did not leave the track. The fireman was fatally injured.

Preacher Drops Out of Sight.

Rev. P. I. Slattery, pastor of the Jamestown, Pa., Methodist Church in the Erie conference, is mysteriously missing for over a week. No cause is known for his sudden disappearance.

Injunction is Dissolved.

Judge Blachoff, in the Court of Common Pleas, New York, has denied the application to dissolve the injunction restraining the Committee on Reorganization of the Chicago gas companies from carrying out the plan of reorganization, and has dissolved the temporary injunction.

Costly Blaze at Baltimore.

At Baltimore the building occupied by Oehm & Co. as a clothing store, was totally destroyed by fire Thursday. A rough estimate places the loss on stock at \$200,000 and on buildings at \$100,000, covered by insurance. The fire originated from electric light wires.

CUBANS IN RETREAT.

The Insurgent Leader Moving Away
from Havana.

Late advice from Havana says it can be positively stated that the insurgent raid is ended. Gomez and Maceo are retreating as rapidly as possible into Cienega de Zapata, the "Swamp of the Shoe," on the southern border. There are too many troops in this country for them. After the engagement with the column led by Gen. Campos at Colico on the evening of Dec. 23, Gomez moved in a nearly southern direction a distance of twenty miles and occupied Navajao, a point on the southern division of the united railway system, about twelve miles nearly east of Union de Los Reyes, an important center. Maceo moved westward to Sabanilla, a town on the railway from Matanzas to Union, distant about six miles from the latter place. Gen. Juarez Valdes, moving across the country with equal rapidity, occupied Union de Los Reyes. The object of Gomez and Maceo was to destroy the rich sugar estates in the country to which they moved. The reports of a flank movement by the rebels are incorrect from a military point of view. Gen. Campos has no line of campaign, offensive or defensive. His column is the channel after Gomez, who in turn is doing the only practical thing under the circumstances, avoiding pitched battles.

SWEPT BY STORMS.

The Atlantic Coast Has a Touch of
Blizzard Weather.

Heavy storms of snow, sleet, and rain swept over the Ohio Valley Thursday, paralyzing the telegraph and telephone wires. At Indianapolis the storm was greatest. It passed eastward over New England, attended by heavy gales. Western Pennsylvania and Western New York were visited by heavy snowfalls, intermingled with sleet and rain. In New York the storm was the most severe the city has ever experienced since the weather bureau was established. At 2 o'clock the velocity of the wind was eighty miles an hour, five miles higher than the highest recorded for the city. The temperature fell fourteen degrees. At Long Branch the maximum velocity of the wind during the night was seventy-two miles an hour. At Sandy Hook it blew at the rate of fifty-two miles an hour. The gale struck the city about midnight. There was a sudden mighty rush, a deluge of rain, and for ten minutes the conditions were cyclonic. Scaffoldings, plate-glass windows, swinging signs, and many trees in various parts of the city were blown down. In the suburbs many houses were demolished, but there were no reports of any serious injury or loss of life.

MILES TALKS TOO MUCH.

Cleveland and Lamont Are Greatly
Offended.

The President and Secretary of War Lamont are said to be seriously considering the advisability of silencing Gen. Miles. Had they not been for the high regard in which they both held him as a soldier, and their indisposition to inflict the indignity of rebuke on one whose services to his country in the past have been meritorious, they would have acted before now. But Gen. Miles, by his latest speech in Philadelphia, has brought them to the limit of their forbearance and another such break on his part will, in all probability, lead to his suppression. In his Philadelphia speech, not only did Gen. Miles blazon out the defenseless condition of his country, but the whole undercurrent of his talk was against the position taken by the President. His chances for ousting the title of Lieutenant General have been lessened, it is thought, by his recent utterances.

IT SHOOK THE EARTH.

Explosion of 4,000 Pounds of Dynamite
on Drainage Canal.

Four thousand pounds of dynamite, stored in a little frame shed less than a thousand feet from the Chicago drainage canal at Rome, exploded at 4 o'clock Friday morning, and the terrific concussion was communicated to an area circumscribed by a circle forty miles in diameter. Every symptom of a powerful seismic disturbance was created by the power of the explosive material. Strata of limestone rock, dipping and falling in regular waves, were disturbed as if by some tremendous subterranean power, and in districts miles away, where the strata came near the surface of the earth, houses were perceptibly jarred, dishes rattled, clocks stopped and the outpouring of startled people caused alarm in the neighborhood. No one was hurt, but much damage was done to window glass in surrounding towns.

To Strengthen the Navy.

A joint resolution will be introduced in the House and Senate at the request of the Navy Department authorizing the construction of six battle ships. The resolution, as it is now prepared, will direct that two of the battle ships be built at navy yards, two by a private building firm on the Eastern coast, and two by contract on the Pacific slope. It will appropriate \$10,000,000 for the construction of the hulls, and \$5,000,000 for the armor and armament for the four ships to be built by contract. The authorities have been feeling the temper of Congress and believe that it appreciates the necessity of having vessels of this type for defensive and offensive purposes. In a few days the department will conclude contracts for the construction of the two battle ships authorized by the last Congress, and in case Congress authorizes the six ships which will be asked for the United States will have three years more to build by contract. The authorities have been feeling the temper of Congress and believe that it appreciates the necessity of having vessels of this type for defensive and offensive purposes.

Kansas Liquor Law a Failure.

The Kansas City Times prints an interview with Governor Morrill, of Kansas, in which the Governor announces his conclusion that the prohibition law of Kansas is a failure. He states further that he does not advocate the open saloon as it existed before prohibition was tried, but that he is now a convert to the plan of State regulation of the liquor traffic on the general lines of the Tullahoma dispensary law now in force in South Carolina.

Dr. James E. Reeves Is Dying.

The death of Dr. James E. Reeves, one of the founders of the American Public Health Association, of which he was president in 1885, is imminent at Chattanooga, Tenn. As a bacteriologist and valued contributor to medical science his reputation is national.

Thirteen Bouts for the Lakes.

Lewis Nixon, a New York shipbuilder, has just been awarded a contract for thirteen steel craft, three steamers and ten barges, for the purpose of taking freight, without breaking bulk, from lake ports to the wharves of New York, through the Erie Canal.

Japanese Cruiser Wrecked.

The cruiser Kwan-Ping, one of the warships captured from China by the Japanese during the recent war, was wrecked on the Pescadore Islands. Nearly all her officers and men are missing.

Republicans in a Secret League.

A special to the New York World from Caracas, Venezuela, says that all the

Latin-American republics are in a secret league and will join Venezuela, it is expected, in case of war against England. Colombia has responded to Venezuela's request, it is whispered, by promising to contribute 80,000 troops and agreeing to give the British Minister his passports unless England consents to submit the Guiana question to arbitration. Brazil is to send 100,000 men, armed and equipped. Mexico is counted upon to aid with a fleet. By calling out her militia, Venezuela can place 250,000 men in the field. The Venezuelan foreign office is very active. It will send immediately extra envoys to all parts of the world.

THINKS HER KIN KILLED.

Mrs. Hess of Pueblo Believes Her Relatives Have Been Murdered.
Mrs. Susie Hess, of Pueblo, Colo., arrived in Spokane, Wash., and made known to the authorities her belief that her father, mother, sister and brother had been murdered. Mrs. Hess' husband died recently, and her parents, who resided at Ellensburg, wrote for her to come and live with them. Two weeks ago she arrived unexpectedly at Ellensburg, only to find that her father had sold out his business and with his family had started across the country to Lewiston, Idaho. She went to that place, but found no trace of her relatives, except that their goods had arrived. She then returned to Ellensburg, and engaging a guide, started out on the trail of her parents. She readily traced them as far as the foothills of the Cascade range, when all trace of them disappeared. The neighborhood in which the family disappeared is a rendezvous for cattle rustlers, and as her father, P. Donnelly, was known to have had considerable money with him, it is believed that the entire family have been murdered.

WANTS TURKISH CASH.

Heavy Damages Required for the
Burning of Missions.

Secretary Olney has directed Minister Terrell, at Constantinople, to demand an indemnity of \$100,000 from Turkey for the benefit of American missionaries who suffered loss of property in the Kharpout outbreaks in November. Minister Terrell has also been instructed to inform the Sultan's Ministers that an additional indemnity will be demanded for the benefit of Americans who suffered loss of property at Marash a few weeks later. This second demand will be formally made as soon as the exact losses, as sustained by Americans at Marash, can be officially determined. It is not expected that the sum of the indemnity will be less than \$100,000, and it may be more. The Government does not expect that the Sultan will respond quickly to these demands, and in that event, after a reasonable time for compliance is given, an ultimatum will be issued to the Turkish Government. Great Britain is said to be greatly incensed over this demand.

BURNED BY A MOB.

Horrible Crime Committed in a Kentucky Community.

Within two miles of Lebanon, Ky., early Sunday morning a relentless mob burned a woman, who was to become a mother, and riddled her gray-haired paragon with bullets. The blackened and disfigured corpse of the victim, Mrs. Thomas West, and William Deveres were found in the ruins of the woman's home by the 14-year-old daughter of the murdered man. The murders were among the most brutal ever enacted under the grewsome sway of dread Judge Lynch. Despite the pleas for her father's life of a half dead, frightened child and the prayers and tears of the ill and helpless woman, the mob went through with its work in cold-blooded, cruel deliberation and only left when certain that both man and woman were dead. The affair was the outgrowth of the old story of faithless wife and vengeful husband. Deveres had himself killed the husband of the woman.

CLAIM IT IS UNLAWFUL.

Interstate Commission Reports on
Railroad Joint Traffic Scheme.

Chairman Morrison, of the Interstate Commerce Commission, Friday sent to the Senate a copy of the articles of organization of the Railroad Joint Traffic Association, and also a copy of a letter which the commission has sent to the attorney general. In the letter to the attorney general the commission says the agreement is in conflict with the interstate commerce law, and requests him to direct the United States district attorney for the southern district of New York to institute proceedings by injunction or otherwise to prevent its being carried into effect.

Bonds Set the House.

The House Saturday passed the bond bill by a vote of 170 to 131. The closing hours of the debate were lacking in spirit and there was practically no excitement. Forty-seven Republicans refused to act with the majority of their party. The Populists and Democrats, with the exception of Mr. Hutchinson, of Texas, who voted for the bill, presented an unbroken front against the bill.

Spaniards Shaken Up.

An earthquake shock has been experienced in the districts of Oranese, Vienna, Puebla de Tribes, Lagudini and Valdeorras, in the Province of Galicia, Spain.

MARKET QUOTATIONS.

Chicago—Cattle, common to prime, \$3.50 to \$4.00; sheep, choice light, \$3.00 to \$3.75; wheat, fair to choice, \$2.50 to \$3.75; corn, No. 2 red, 54c to 55c; corn, No. 2, 25c to 26c; oats, No. 2, 16c to 18c; rye, No. 2, 33c to 34c; butter, choice creamery, 23c to 25c; eggs, fresh, 20c to 22c; potatoes, per bushel, 20c to 30c; broom corn, \$20 to \$45 per ton for poor to choice.
Indianapolis—Cattle, shipping, \$3.00 to \$4.50; hogs, choice light, \$3.00 to \$3.75; sheep, common to prime, \$2.00 to \$3.50; wheat, No. 2, 60c to 64c; corn, No. 1 white, 20c to 27c; oats, No. 2 white, 21c to 23c.
St. Louis—Cattle, \$3.00 to \$5.00; hogs, \$3.00 to \$3.75; wheat, No. 2 red, 62c to 63c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 23c to 25c; oats, No. 2 white, 16c to 17c; rye, No. 2, 31c to 33c.
Cincinnati—Cattle, \$3.50 to \$4.50; hogs, \$3.00 to \$3.75; sheep, \$2.50 to \$3.50; wheat, No. 2, 64c to 66c; corn, No. 2 mixed, 26c to 27c; oats, No. 2 mixed, 20c to 21c; rye, No. 2, 32c to 34c.
Detroit—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$3.50; hogs, \$3.00 to \$3.75; sheep, \$2.00 to \$3.50; wheat, No. 2 red, 64c to 65c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 20c to 27c; oats, No. 2 white, 20c to 21c; rye, 30c to 32c.
Toledo—Wheat, No. 2 red, 64c to 65c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 27c to 28c; oats, No. 2 white, 16c to 20c; rye, No. 2, 30c to 32c; clover seed, \$4.10 to \$4.20.
Milwaukee—Wheat, No. 2 spring, 54c to 55c; corn, No. 3, 25c to 27c; oats, No. 2 white, 18c to 19c; barley, No. 2, 31c to 33c; rye, No. 1, 35c to 36c; pork, mess, \$7.25 to \$7.75.
Buffalo—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$3.50; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.00; sheep, \$2.50 to \$3.50; wheat, No. 2 red, 60c to 71c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 32c to 33c; oats, No. 2 white, 22c to 23c.
New York—Cattle, \$3.00 to \$5.25; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.25; sheep, \$2.00 to \$3.50; wheat, No. 2 red, 67c to 68c; corn, No. 2, 33c to 35c; oats, No. 2 white, 23c to 24c; butter, creamery, 20c to 26c; eggs, Western, 20c to 22c.

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